

**Amendment to the Abstract**

**The Abstract at Page 1073, is to be deleted and replaced with the following Abstract:**

**ABSTRACT**

A method is provided of enabling authenticated communication of information between entities. The method includes allocating first secret information to a primary entity, determining second secret information for each secondary entity and allocating the second secret information to each secondary entity. Each secondary entity has an identifier and the second secret information is determined and allocated by applying a one way function to each secondary entity's identifier and the first secret information.